The Reward of Two Qirats

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A warm afternoon at home. Baba and Mansoor sit on a rug, drinking tea and eating dates.

Mansoor: Baba, today at the masjid, I heard the Imam talk about something called ‘Qirat.’ What does it mean?

Baba: Ah, that’s a very good question, my son. A Qirat is a great reward from Allah. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once said that if a person accompanies a funeral procession, prays the funeral prayer, and stays until the person is buried, he will receive a reward of two Qirats. And do you know how big one Qirat is?

Mansoor: Hmm… Is it like the size of a gold coin?

Baba: [chuckles] No, my dear. One Qirat is as big as Mount Uhud!

Mansoor: [eyes widening] As big as Mount Uhud? But Baba, that mountain is so huge! How can someone receive such a big reward just for attending a funeral?

Baba: Because, my son, attending a funeral is an act of kindness, respect, and faith. It shows that we care for our fellow Muslims even after they have left this world. It reminds us that one day, we too will return to Allah, and we should always strive to do good.

Mansoor: But Baba, isn’t it sad to go to a funeral? I don’t like seeing people cry.

Baba: Yes, it can be sad, but it is also a time to remember the good deeds of the person who has passed away and to pray for them. Our prayers can bring comfort to their family and can also help the deceased in the Hereafter.

Mansoor: So if I go to a funeral, stay until the burial, and pray for the person, I will get a reward as big as two Mount Uhuds?

Baba: Exactly, my dear. And that is why our Prophet ﷺ encouraged us to do it. It is a simple act, but it holds immense blessings.

Mansoor: Baba, next time there’s a funeral at the masjid, can I come with you?

Baba: [smiling and patting Mansoor’s head] Of course, my son. You have a good heart. May Allah always bless you with kindness and wisdom.